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SUBJECT: ENERGY CRISIS AND ITS EFFECTS

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1. CAUSTIC SODA IS REPORTEDLY*IN CRITIC*L SUPPLY SITUATION WHICH SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGH MOST OF 1974. UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENT MADE TO OBTAIN THIS MATERIAL, WHICH WE ASUME MAJOR ALUMINUM COMPANIES OPERATING*IN JAMAICA HAVE DONE, CONSUMERS WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING SUPPLIES.

2. DEPT UN*WARE OF *ANY REDUCTION IN SHIPPING SCHEDULES*TO JAMAICA WHICH WOULD CAUSE REDUCTION IN AVAILABILITY OF CAUSTIC SODA.

3. ASSUMING HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER AVAILABILITY IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST RETURNS TO NORMAL (RECENT RAINFALLS AND SNOW PACK APPEAR ADEQUATE), US ALUMINUM PRODUCTION FOR 1974 SHOULD BE SLIGHTLY INCREASED OVER 1973. ESTIMATED 1973 PRODUCTION WAS ABOUT 4.5 MILLION TONS AND 1974 PRODUCTION MAY REACH 4.8 MILLION TONS IF ALCOA AND REYNOLDS RESTORE POT-LINES TAKEN OUT OF PRODUCTION IN 1973 IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

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ADDITIONAL CAVEAT TO INCREASED PRODUCTION IS RESOLUTION OF POLLUTION PROBLEMS WHICH KAISER IS EXPERIENCING WITH ITS

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